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Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
1984 Emergency Preparedness Exercise Schedule

- References:
1. NRC letter, D. B. Vassallo to G. T. Berry, dated January 21, 1982.
 2. NRC letter, D. B. Vassallo to J. P. Bayne, dated April 28, 1983 regarding exemption from the annual schedular requirement for an emergency preparedness exercise.

Dear Sir:

Section IV.F of Appendix E to 10 CFR 50 requires that an emergency preparedness exercise be conducted (at least) annually. The Authority conducted a FitzPatrick full-scale exercise on August 11, 1982. A second small-scale exercise was conducted on October 12, 1983. In both cases, the Authority applied for and was granted schedular exemptions from the requirements of Section IV.F of Appendix E.

The first of these two exemptions (Reference 1) extended the deadline for completion of the initial exercise to September 1, 1982. This exemption specifies that the second annual exercise be conducted before April 1, 1983.

The second exemption (Reference 2) rescheduled the deadline for the completion of the second exercise to October 15, 1983. This exemption did not specify a date for the third exercise.

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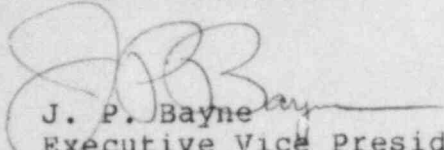
We are currently preparing for the third FitzPatrick exercise and have scheduled it for July 18, 1984. This date is less than 12 months after the second exercise and therefore complies with the requirements of Section IV.F.

However, another interpretation of Section IV.F of Appendix E is possible which could result in a judgement that the Authority is not in compliance. Therefore, to eliminate this possibility, the Authority hereby requests an extension of the deadline for completion of the third annual FitzPatrick emergency preparedness exercise to August 31, 1984. This request is filed in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.12.

The Authority further requests that this date (August 31, 1984) be designated as the date to be used for the computation of all future exercises. This provision will obviate future schedular extension requests like this one.

These exercises require the participation of many people from several organizations. Your prompt response to this request will allow us to move into the final planning phases for this exercise.

Very truly yours,


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